on a case to case basis and funds are provided depending upon the availability of funds and justification of the proposal.

The decision to vacate frequency spectrum from time to time for cellular operators is made after ensuring that the Defence requirements are fully met keeping in view the demand for such spectrum from the cellular operators.

Terrorism on the high seas

†91D. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that personnel of Indian navy are constantly apprehensive about terrorism on the high seas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to deal with it?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard carry out regular surveillance and patrolling in the Indian territorial waters to check maritime terrorism, illegal immigration, smuggling, and security of Indian offshore installations.

Grounding of Dhruv

911. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force have decided to ground the entire fleet of Dhruv, the indigenously developed Advance Light Helicopter;

(b) what technical faults if any, about its maneuverability or otherwise have been detected in the practical use of this helicopter; and

(c) how many cases of crash of this type of helicopter are under review or examination in this context, and the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Dhruv Helicopter fleet of the Indian Air Force has been grounded since 26.11.2005.

(b) Though fault was found with the specific batch of tail rotor blades, no technical fault about the maneuverability or otherwise of Dhruv Helicopter has been detected.

(c) There are no cases of crashes of Dhruv under review or examination. Two incidents of forced landing took place on 28-10-2004 and 25-11-2005. These incidents have been analyzed for rectification. In both these cases neither pilot/personal injuries have taken place nor there was any .fire or leakage of fuel/oil, which has proved the ruggedness and safety factors of Dhruv.

Raise in defence outiay

912. SHR! GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise its outlay in the current year;

(b) whether Government has spent the allocated outlay for the last two years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Annual allocation of the Ministry of Defence is being determined each year before budget in consultation with the Ministry of Finance. The same practice has been followed for the current year also.

(b) to (d) The extent of utilisation of funds during the last two years has been as follows:—

(Rs. in crores)

Year	BE	RE	Actual Expenditure
2003-22004	65,300.00	60,300.00	60,065.80
2004-2005	77,000.00	77,000.00	75.855.92

Thus there have been minor savings in the Years 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.